

CG GPD - ASEF Policy Dialogue

Higher Education Policies Working Towards the SDGs in Asia and Europe
27-29 September 2023
Rome, Italy

CONCEPT NOTE & PROGRAMME

BACKGROUND

The [Asia-Europe Foundation \(ASEF\)](#) and the EHEA's [Coordination Group on Global Policy Dialogue \(CG GPD\)](#) are organising a joint meeting and policy dialogue to build synergies among their activities.

The meeting provides opportunities for policymakers from Asia and Europe to conduct a policy dialogue and exchange knowledge, practices on promoting sustainable development in higher education.

ASEF is contributing to the meeting with a workshop, built on the findings of the [ASEF Regional Conference on Higher Education \(ARC9\)](#) report titled "Asia-Europe Mapping Higher Education Policies and Practice: Working Towards the SDGs". The report consists of two complimentary parts:

- Higher Education Policies contributing to SDGs (covering **31 national contexts** in Asia and Europe)
- Higher Education Institutions contributing to the SDGs (240 institutional responses from **42 countries** in Asia and Europe)



Download the Report here: <https://bit.ly/42qTln7>

OBJECTIVES



Conduct an Asia-Europe policy dialogue based on the findings of the ARC9 Report, and draft recommendations for the ASEM Education Ministers Meeting, the official dialogue partner of ARC9



Facilitate exchange of good practices and networking among policymakers and stakeholders in Asia and Europe

EXPECTED PARTICIPANTS

We envision **around 30 select participants**, higher education policymakers and stakeholders active in the EHEA Coordination Group on Global Policy Dialogue (CG GPD) and the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Education Process. Participation is on a "by invitation only" basis.

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

WEDNESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2023

Location: [Università degli Studi di Roma “La Sapienza”, Piazzale Aldo Moro, 5](#)

11:00 - 15:45 Coordination Group on Global Policy Dialogue Meeting
FOR MEMBERS ONLY

15:45 - 16:00 Welcome Coffee

16:00 - 16:45 Welcome and Introductory Remarks

- Giuseppe Ciccarone, Vice Rector of the Sapienza University of Rome
- Antonio Felice Uricchio, President of the Italian National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes (ANVUR)
- Liesbeth Hens (Belgium Flemish Community) and Ann Katherine Isaacs (Italy), Co-Chairs of the EHEA Coordination Group on Global Policy Dialogue (CG GPD)
- Reka Tozsa, Director of the Education Department of the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
- Vera Lucke, CIMEA (IN-GLOBAL project and ASEM Education Secretariat), Italy

16:45 - 18:00 Setting the Stage

- Introduction of all the countries, partner organisations, and stakeholders
- Briefings on the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) (20mins) and the Asian Higher Education systems (5-7mins each) to provide an overview of their systems and the top three key challenges faced, including Sustainable Development topics.

18:00 - 18:10 Group Photo

18:10 - 19:30 Welcome Reception (at the venue)

THURSDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2023

Location: [Università degli Studi Guglielmo Marconi, Via Vittoria Colonna 11](#)

9:15 - 9:30 Day 2 Opening and Welcome

- Valentina Muiesan, Head of Division South-East Asia, Pacific, Antarctica, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
- Arturo Lavalle, Head of International Relations Area, Università degli Studi Guglielmo Marconi

9:30 - 10:00 Policy Dialogue on Sustainable Development in Higher Education

- Introduction to the ARC9 Report on “Asia-Europe Higher Education Mapping: Working Towards the SDGs” and sharing ideas and identifying areas for collaboration.

Presentation by Reka Tozsa, Director of the Education Department of the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

10:00 - 11:00 Developing Recommendations Session 1: What’s the present situation?

- Group 1: Strategy, Implementation, Indicators
- Group 2: Policy Tools

- Group 3: Localising the SDGs and Partnerships

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 - 13:00 Developing Recommendations Session 2: What are the options/solutions that can make a difference?

- Group 1: Strategy, Implementation, Indicators
- Group 2: Policy Tools
- Group 3: Localising the SDGs and Partnerships

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 - 15:30 Developing Recommendations Session 3: What can Asia and Europe learn from each other? How can we work together?

- Group 1: Strategy, Implementation, Indicators
- Group 2: Policy Tools
- Group 3: Localising the SDGs and Partnerships

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 - 17:00 Plenary Session for Sharing Recommendations for the 9th ASEM Education Ministerial Meeting (ASEMME9 in January 2024)

- Participants will report back from the groups. Each group will give a short presentation on their recommendations, what they see as the major challenges, how they could be addressed and how can Asia and Europe work together.

17:00 - 17:15 Summary of the Day and Closing Remarks

Reka Tozsa, Director of the Education Department of the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

- Ann Katherine Isaacs and Liesbeth Hens, Co-Chairs of the Coordination Group on Global Policy Dialogue (CG GPD)

FRIDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2023

Location: [Università degli Studi Guglielmo Marconi, Via Plinio, 44](#)

9:30 - 9:45 Day 3 Opening and Welcome

- Ann Katherine Isaacs and Liesbeth Hens, Co-Chairs of the Coordination Group on Global Policy Dialogue (CG GPD)

9:45 - 11:00 Tirana Global Policy Forum and Statement 2024

- The CG GPD will present and discuss with Asian participants the ideas for the Tirana Global Policy Forum and Statement 2024.

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 - 12:30 Prospects for Global Policy Dialogue

- The CG GPD will discuss with Asian participants how cooperation can be strengthened between the two macro-regions and globally

12:30 - 13:00 Closing Remarks

- Ann Katherine Isaacs and Liesbeth Hens, Co-Chairs of the Coordination Group on Global Policy Dialogue (CG GPD)
- Luca Lantero, General Director of CIMEA, Italy
- Reka Tozsa, Director of the Education Department of the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch

14:30 - 17:30 Social Programme: Rome Walking Tour (Castel Sant'Angelo, Pantheon, Piazza Navona, Fontana di Trevi, etc.)

ORGANISED BY



Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

ASEF is an intergovernmental not-for-profit organisation located in Singapore. Founded in 1997, it is the only institution of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM). ASEF promotes understanding, strengthens relationships and facilitates cooperation among the people, institutions and organisations of Asia and Europe. ASEF enhances dialogue, enables exchanges and encourages collaboration across the thematic areas of culture, education, governance, sustainable development, economy, public health and media.

One of ASEF's flagship projects is the [ASEF Regional Conference on Higher Education \(ARC\)](#), the Official Dialogue Partner of the ASEM Education Ministers Meeting (ASEMME) and the only bi-regional multi-stakeholder dialogue platform for university and student leaders, policymakers and ministers to discuss higher education issues and shape the education landscape in Asia and Europe.

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Coordination Group on Global Policy Dialogue (CG GPD)

The Coordination Group on Global Policy Dialogue aims to foster dialogue and build trust between the EHEA and other countries and macro-regions through exchange of knowledge and cooperation, with the aim of addressing overarching issues more effectively, such as achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. The coordination group is also tasked with the organisation of the 2024 Global Policy Forum and Statement, and where possible other appropriate events during the work period.

The activities of the Coordination Group on Global Policy Dialogue are partly supported by the [IN-GLOBAL](#) project, which is co-financed by the European Union within the Erasmus+ Programme.

For more information, please visit <https://www.ehea.info/page-Coordination-Group>.

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